



# Oakridge Community Primary School

## Newsletter

December 10<sup>th</sup> 2021



### **Celebration Assembly is on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 2.55pm One Parent per Family please**

#### **Certificates go to:-**

**Star:-** Jaden Champion, James Treacher, Dillan Graham,  
Lila Danby

**Special:-** Ben Simpson, Jake Scarth, Riley Sykes, Isabelle  
Sewell

#### **EYFS**

This week Nursery and Reception have been practising  
blending our sound using all “Fred Fingers” we are starting  
to read some words and make labels.

We have been learning all about number 7. Our home corner  
has been turned into Santa’s Cottage and we have had a lot  
of fun decorating it.

Miss Juliet Kaye, EYFS Teacher and Mrs Keelie Coldwell

#### **Seahorse Class**

This past week the children have been getting ready for  
Christmas. They all enjoyed taking part in the Christmas  
Crafts afternoon, making cards, Christingles, calendars and a  
bauble for the Christmas tree. They also had a fantastic time  
at the Christmas Fayre and loved seeing Santa. In class this  
week we are looking at the Nativity Story and working  
towards writing our own version. All the children in  
Seahorse Class wish you a very Merry Christmas.  
Naomi Bannister, KS1 Teacher

#### **Dolphin Class**

Dolphin Class have been busy the last few weeks. All the  
children enjoyed creating Christmas Crafts during our craft  
afternoon and will have brought some of their creations  
home. Their tree decorations are currently hanging on the  
school Christmas tree and will be coming home next week.  
We are all disappointed that we haven’t been able to do some  
of the Christmas things we had planned (the play and the  
pantomime) but we will do what we can to make up for this  
during the next week. A big thank you to all Dolphins for all  
their hard work this term.  
Laura Little KS2 Teacher

#### **Pantomime**

Due to the cancellation of the pantomime (Aladdin)  
Billingham Forum have kindly carried our tickets forward to  
next year. So we will be going to see Beauty and The Beast  
on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2022.

A big thank you to the PTFA who are paying for the children  
to watch a performance of a pantomime next week in school  
as we did last year.

#### **Balance Bikes**

We are trying to get some more age-appropriate ride-ons for  
the EYFS children. With this in mind, we wondered if you  
had any balance bikes (no pedals) you no longer need which  
we could use in school. Please let Miss Kaye know if you  
do. Many thanks.

#### **Christmas Fair**

The Christmas Fair on the 2<sup>nd</sup> December raised a fantastic  
£785.01 (after expenses) a huge thank you to the PTFA for  
organising and setting up, to parents, carers and relatives  
who supported the fair and the generosity of local businesses  
for the wonderful prizes that made the raffle so good. Also  
thank you to the staff and children for running this event.

#### **Club**

Last week was our last week of after school clubs (Tuesday  
and Wednesday) and these will start up again on the 11<sup>th</sup> and  
12<sup>th</sup> of January. If you would like your child/ren to remain at  
school can you complete the permission slip next term; we  
also ask that you commit to attending the sessions for the  
whole block. Watch this space for more details.

As I write this, I can hear the children rehearsing the  
Christmas play which we are beginning to record so that you  
can all share the enjoyment with us; the recording will be  
released next week. It is lovely to hear the sounds of  
Christmas in school again this year and we were all upset  
when we had to pause our celebrations but we are getting  
closer to being normal again! On Monday we are intending  
that the Nativity performance takes place on the playground  
at 2pm. We hope as many of you as possible attend and lend  
your enthusiasm to the event, but please do be aware that the  
weather is unlikely to be good so dress warmly!

Thank you and take care,

Hilary Thompson

